

HONORING THE SELFRELIANCE
UKRAINIAN AMERICAN FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION ON ITS 60TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union (SUAFUCU) which will celebrate 60 years of service on September 21, 2011. This organization has helped countless Ukrainian families and businesses in my district and across Illinois live the American dream.

SUAFUCU was founded in 1951 as a financial cooperative whose mission was to benefit local members of the Ukrainian American community. Open to anyone of Ukrainian descent or members of other Ukrainian organizations, SUAFUCU stays very focused on its original mission. The democratic tenets to which the Union strictly adheres make it a unique institution that provides an example of what hard working communities can achieve.

During its first 15 years, SUAFUCU was incredibly active, providing its members with over \$4,156,000 in loans. Thanks to the responsible lending practices of this community, many Ukrainian doctors, dentists, and veterinarians were able to found successful practices. Dozens of other businesses opened thanks to SUAFUCU, but just as important, 1200 families were able to purchase homes in the Chicago area. This community came together to exemplify the American dream through smart practices and a closely-knit community.

Around these businesses, the "Ukrainian Village" prospered into a network of interconnected community organizations including cultural and social clubs, and churches. SUAFUCU works closely with churches and others to ensure the assimilation process is less difficult for Ukrainian immigrants—a population that brings diversity and new ideas to the area. SUAFUCU continues to prosper and help families and businesses under current President and CEO Bohdan Watral and Chairman of the Board of Directors Michael Kos, two strong advocates for Ukrainian Americans.

Please join me in honoring the Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union, a group that has brought immeasurable benefit to Illinois by helping Ukrainians thrive and contribute to the community. I know SUAFUCU will continue to help individuals realize their dreams and I wish them prosperity over their next 60 years.

HONORING JULIO ALVARADO

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Julio Alvarado, who passed away on September 13, 2011, just four days short of his 85th birthday.

Born in Puerto Rico in 1926, Julio Alvarado arrived in San Pedro in 1949 where he made his home and became a beloved member of

the community. While in San Pedro, Julio worked on the docks at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as member of ILWU Local 13.

Julio Alvarado was an immensely caring person with a large, generous heart and was always ready to help anyone in need. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. His children and grandchildren will especially miss his baking and his homemade bread.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Julio's daughter, Daisy Ybarra, for almost 20 years. For nearly two years while I served on the Los Angeles City Council, Daisy was my Community Advocate in Watts, but Daisy had been following in her father's footsteps and serving her community long before then by teaching kids to say no to gangs through GAP, the Gang Alternatives Program. Lives were saved because of the work that she did and I know that her father was very proud of her.

Julio Alvarado was preceded in death by his loving wife Ana.

I extend my deepest condolences to his sons, Julio, Jr., and Robert; daughters Angela, Daisy, Miriam, and Maria Luisa; his brother and sister Victor Gotay and Carmen Martinez, both of Puerto Rico; and to his three grandchildren, three great-granddaughters as well as several nieces and nephews. Though Julio is no longer with us, his legacy lives on in the lives of the loved ones he has left behind and in the community he made his home.

CONGRATULATING OUR FRIEND
AND ALLY, TAIWAN

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2011 we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the emergence of the Chinese people from the dynastic rule that has permeated their history.

Rising against the Qing rulers, Chinese Doctor Sun Yat-sen rose to free his people from totalitarian rule which in turn provided them the opportunity to produce the model Democracy that is Taiwan.

Taiwan today is one of the leading democracies of the world, an economic power and a leading force for peace in the Pacific.

Taiwan's present leader, Ma Ying-jeou is to be congratulated for his efforts and success in providing a climate for Peace and continuing the best traditions of the Chinese people.

Congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DUWAMISH
TRIBAL RECOGNITION ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Duwamish Tribal Recognition Act, legislation to grant federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe of the Seattle, Washington area.

The Duwamish people were the first indigenous people of the Greater Seattle area and

lived in the area for more than a thousand years before the first European-Americans arrived in 1851. In 1855, the Duwamish Tribe, represented by Chief Si'ahl (Seattle), signed the Treaty of Point Elliott, which guaranteed fishing rights and federal recognition to all Tribes represented by the Native signers. However, despite ratification by the U.S. Congress in 1859, the promises made by the United States in the treaty were never fulfilled.

Since then, it has been a struggle spanning more than 150 years for the Duwamish people to attain the recognition that was promised to them in the Treaty of Point Elliott. Most recently, in the waning hours of the Clinton Administration, the Tribe was granted federal recognition by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. However, the Bush Administration reversed this decision, questioning the administrative procedures utilized by the Clinton Administration.

Mr. Speaker, for far too long the Duwamish people have waited for federal recognition, which will provide those enrolled in the Tribe access to federal finances for tribal government, as well as cultural, education, health care, and housing programs. Now is the time to recognize the Duwamish people. I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING NATIONAL TRUCK
DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Truck Driver Appreciation Week. I want to commend America's 3.2 million professional truck drivers who serve our nation by expediting commerce and goods essential to our homes and businesses.

One out of every fifteen people across the country are employed in the trucking industry, making it one of the nation's largest employers. The trucking industry is responsible for nearly 68 percent of the total U.S. freight tonnage and over 80 percent of communities rely solely on it for their goods and commodities. This industry is fundamental to our economy.

America's truck drivers are dedicated to keeping our highways safe. They follow stringent safety regulations, attend frequent training programs and educate the motoring public to help keep our highways and interstates safe.

While regulation of transportation commerce and safety is necessary, we need to be careful we do not over-regulate and harm such a vital industry. We need to allow these dedicated and hard working professionals to perform their jobs with the support of our government and without unnecessary government interference.

This week I join my colleagues in extending a warm thank you to them and to their families for the sacrifices they make each and every day for this country.

Today, I honor these wonderful Americans for their dedication and service rendered to our nation's economy and for delivering everyday life's essentials safely and securely.